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For: SELF-TAPPING IMPLANT**SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 19, 2004 (Paper No. 11) and the Advisory Action mailed August 11, 2004 (Paper No. 20040806), and supplemental to the amendment after final rejection filed on June 21, 2004, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

Pendency of this application has been maintained by the previous filing of a three-month extension of time and Notice of Appeal on September 17, 2004.

Accordingly, no fees are due with this amendment.